

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 21, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: SB 158, SB 160, SJ 22  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SJ 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:37 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SJ 22, Urge Congress to lift restriction on vehicle length.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:34 Jim Curry, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT)

00:05:20 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association (MMCA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:50 Rep. Nooney

00:07:17 Mr. Stang

00:08:08 Rep. Nooney

00:08:23 Mark Moberley, MDOT

00:08:39 Rep. Nooney

00:08:55 Mr. Moberley

00:09:45 Rep. Arntzen

00:10:19 Mr. Curry, MDOT

00:12:23 Rep. Hilbert

00:13:26 Mr. Moberley

00:13:49 Mr. Stang

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:58 Sen. Cocchiarella

**HEARING ON SB 158**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:03 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 158, Revise laws on transportation reciprocity agreements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:46 Jim Curry, MDOT

00:22:14 Barry (Spook) Stang, MMCA

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:54 Rep. Kottel  
00:23:55 Sen. Cocchiarella  
00:24:06 Rep. Nooney  
00:24:17 Sen. Cocchiarella  
00:24:38 Rep. Arntzen  
00:24:49 Sen. Cocchiarella  
00:25:10 Mr. Curry, MDOT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:04 Sen. Cocchiarella  
  
00:29:05 Break  
00:33:26 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 160**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:41 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 160, Use of senior and disability transportation funds as matching funds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:35:13 Larry Flynn, MDOT  
00:39:01 Lynn Hellegaard, Montana Transit Association  
00:41:01 Dell Lonnquist, AARP Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:45:55 Tom Osborn, Montana Transportation Partnership (MTP)  
00:48:26 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living  
**EXHIBIT(trh60a01)**  
00:50:42 Charley Briggs, Montana Association of Community Disabilities Services(MACDS)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:57:06 Rep. Kottel  
00:58:09 Jim Curry, MDOT  
00:58:46 Rep. Kottel  
00:59:30 Mr. Flynn, MDOT  
01:00:39 Dick Turner, MDOT  
01:01:54 Rep. Kottel  
01:02:23 Mr. Turner, MDOT

**EXHIBIT (trh60a02)**

01:05:37 Rep. Nooney  
01:05:56 Mr. Flynn, MDOT  
01:07:03 Rep. Nooney  
01:07:16 Ms. Patera  
01:08:53 Rep. Nooney  
01:09:11 Mr. Flynn, MDOT  
01:11:43 Rep. Nooney  
01:11:56 Sen. Schmidt  
01:12:20 Mr. Flynn, MDOT  
01:13:04 Rep. Sonju  
01:13:42 Mr. Curry, MDOT  
01:15:08 Rep. Sonju  
01:15:45 Rep. Hilbert  
01:16:03 Mr. Curry, MDOT  
01:16:09 Mr. Flynn, MDOT  
01:16:54 Rep. Hilbert  
01:17:06 Mr. Flynn, MDOT  
01:17:39 Rep. Arntzen  
01:17:54 Mr. Osborn, MTP  
01:19:17 Rep. Arntzen  
01:19:43 Mr. Briggs, MACDS  
01:22:00 Rep. Kottel  
01:22:11 Mr. Curry, MDOT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:23:14 Sen. Schmidt

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:24:30 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh60aad.pdf](#))**